

## **MAKING DISCIPLES (6)**

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**MATTHEW 28:18-20** “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”

- *Recap: last we discussed the importance of sharing the truth, that following Jesus will involve radical love and radical sacrifice. This was the central theme in the life of Jesus.*
- *We’re not to present the Gospel as a life improvement programme, to add to, or to supplement our lives and see if we can fit it into our busy schedules.*
- *The WHOLE truth, is that following Jesus, involves the biggest sacrifice, for the biggest gain.*
- *We’re also not to present the Gospel as yet another religious system of rules.*
- This week we’ll discuss the significance of the work of a Christian
- Is what we do, in terms of making disciples, of any real significance?
- Before we answer yes, let’s consider this possibility: that if this world is still around, 100 years from now, nobody alive, will even know we existed!

**MARK 13:31** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away

**1 JOHN 2:17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever

- If heaven and earth and all that’s in it, is passing away, imaging how significant the body of Christ is, His church, which is what’s built up, through the Christian worker.
- No matter what any enemy of God attempts, God is going to bring to pass this promise:  
**HABAKKUK 2:14** For the earth will be filled with the **knowledge** of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
- It’s interesting to note that the earth will be dominated by that which God’s children possess and that’s the **knowledge** of Him.
- Jesus knew that one day, men and women of faith, would pray with faith, when He taught us to pray the Lord’s Prayer: **MATTHEW 6:9-13**  
**Vs10** Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**ISAIAH 9:6-7** “For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

- The body of Christ, His church, will be enjoying the kingdom of God:

**ROMANS 14:17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:9-14** “For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, ***you are God’s building***. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.”

**1 PETER 2:1-5** “Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ***you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house***, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

### **CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What factors enable some things to be around for a very long time and what factors can cause things to disappear?
2. What makes disciple making, a worthy cause in the long run?
3. How can the Christian stay motivated to witness, when there’s so much opposing our faith?